AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1.-13. (Cancelled, without prejudice)

14.   (Original) A method of test strip qualification comprising:

providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second

control reaction area;

obtaining PT results for each reaction area; and

comparing test strip results from said first control reaction area to a first set of criteria

substantially as represented in figure 4 and comparing results from said second control reaction area to a

second set of criteria.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said second set of criteria are substantially

as represented in figure 5.

16.   (Original) A method of test strip qualification comprising:

providing a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second

control reaction area;

obtaining PT results for each reaction area; and

comparing test strip results from said first control reaction area to a first set of criteria and

comparing results from said second control reaction area to a second set of criteria substantially as

represented in figure 5.

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17.   (Currently Amended) A system programmed to operate according to a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 14-16.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a test strip comprising an assay reaction area, a first control reaction area and a second control reaction area.

19.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a program to direct a system to perform a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 14-16.

20.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing data representing sample results, wherein said data is made by a method selected from a group of methods consisting of the test strip qualification methods of claims 14-16.